

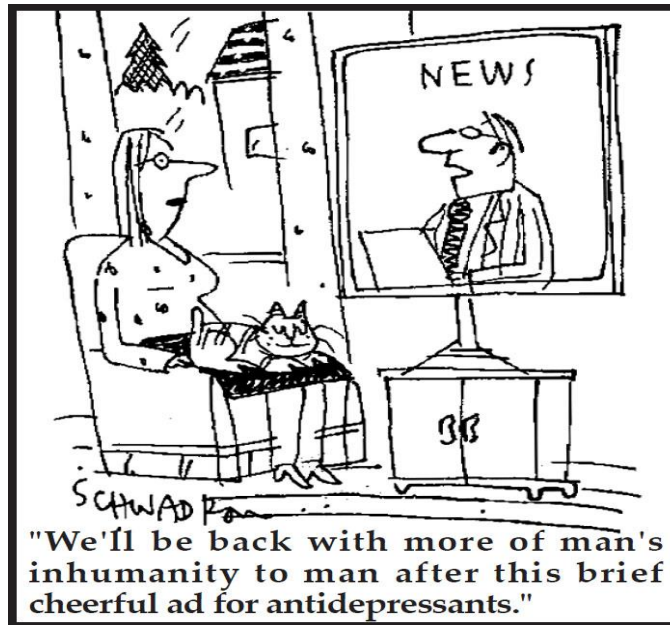
---

# Family Matters

NEWS AND REMINDERS FOR THE TEHACHAPI CHURCH OF CHRIST FAMILY

---

January 12, 2024



from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*  
©Harley L. Schwadron  
Reprinted with permission

There were some followers of John the Baptist who immediately followed Jesus when John told them he was the one they were hoping for. They not only accepted this as good news, they immediately shared it with others who needed and wanted to hear it as well. This is how good news spreads in an authentic way. (See John 1:35-45)

One of the reasons we hesitate to share the good news with others is that we are so inundated with bad news that we might assume that people are too cynical to believe that it's true. They might think, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is".

We do need to apply our best judgment as to whether the timing is good for us to speak directly or just to show love. God may need to send someone else to that person or we may need to wait for a better time to share the good news. Just remember that if we really believe the good news ourselves, we will always be looking for others who want and need to hear it!

-Mark

---

...**BELIEVE IT OR NOT...**

Person to Person to Person

John 1:35-45

---



## Potluck Today!

If you did not bring food, please stay and eat with us anyway. There's always more than enough!

## Women's Group

A new study will begin this Tuesday! Text Brenda for details.

### Remember in Prayer:

**Kayla** has seen a new doctor who believes he can relieve her problem surgically, but she will have to live without pain medications for a couple of months before he can do it. Pray for her strength to deal with the pain and get nutrition in the meantime!

Pray for the **Mike, Aaron, Ruthie, and all of the Grimes family** in the sudden loss of **Jason**, Mike's younger brother!

**Minnie** is doing well her knee surgery. Minnie's brother **Nathan** had to postpone a triple bypass surgery due to a painful blood clot in his left leg. He is still waiting. Her brother, **Mark**, has recovered from his infections, but is not being allowed to work.

**Brandy** fell and damaged her coccyx, but she is doing well.

**Gene and Laurie Studer**, the parents of Cindy's son-in-law, Stephen, both had strokes just before Christmas. Gene has had multiple strokes and is not doing well.

Cheryl's daughter-in-law, **Jessica** is improving.

Cheryl's other daughter-in-law **Carla** in Santa Maria had surgery at USC to remove a tumor that was lodged in her shoulder bone.

**Ken** had surgery to remove some kind of nerve blockage in his neck. The neuro-surgeon was pleased with his last checkup, and he will hopefully be in a neck brace only one more week!

**Ruthie's nephew, Will Burgett**, is on hospice and has been getting weaker.

Ruthie's sister-in-law, **Cheryl White** passed away recently. Pray for her husband, Jim.

**Steven Stansbery** is now recovering well and he and **Melissa** enjoyed celebrating their 245<sup>th</sup> anniversary recently!

Continue prayers for **Maxine King**, mother of **Melissa**.

**Galina Gurova**, a friend of **Melissa**, needs healing from lymphoma

In addition to his near total paralysis, **Kirk Stewart** has cancerous sores on his head, and now on his left ear. Removing it would risk paralysis of his face, so no treatment is planned. Pray!

**Bob Rivera's** hip is healing, so no surgery is planned after all.

Bob asks for prayers for his son, **Joseph** who is in Israel working security as a contractor.

**Mina** is walking without the brace, and is with her kids in Germany!

**Morgan Gibson's dad** has returned to the nursing home, and the infection in his leg will be treated with antibiotics..

**Vicki and Ken's daughter-in-law's mother, Priscilla**, is being treated for pancreatic cancer. Pray for successful surgery, treatment, and comfort for the family.

**Karen's** friends, **Jon and Wayne**, and colleagues, **Trish**, and **Tommy**, all have cancer.

## **Always Remember:**

Those in the military, especially **Joseph Budai**, and **Sheri Huckabay's** nephew, **Jason Adams**, **Patty Johnson's** grandson, **Andrew Thompson**, and **Gaylen Gibson**

The children and staff at **Manuelito Navajo Children's Home**

Those serving in other mission fields, including Blair's friend **Sandeep** in India

**Pray for the homeless**, and pray for **Blair** as he works to minister to them.

Those suffering in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza, and in other "hot spots" around the world.

**Pray for those who have suffered so much loss of property and some who have lost loved ones in the fires!**

.

## **Tehachapi Church of Christ**

401 S. Mill St.  
Mailing: 1121 W Valley Blvd., Suite I Box 313  
Tehachapi, CA 93561 Phone: 661-822-3991

**Web:** [www.tehachapichurchofchrist.com](http://www.tehachapichurchofchrist.com)

### **Schedule of Weekly Services and other meetings**

#### **Sunday**

AM Bible Class – 9:30am AM Assembly – 10:30am

#### **Monday**

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Tuesday**

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 6:00pm\*

#### **Wednesday**

Al-Anon is meeting at noon\*

PM Bible Study – 7:00pm

#### **Thursday**

Al-Anon is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Friday**

Alcoholics Anonymous is meeting at 7:00pm\*

#### **Saturday**

Men's AA meeting at 8:00am, and Women's AA meeting at 9:30am\*

\*Al-Anon and Alcoholics Anonymous are not direct ministries of the church, but their purposes are supported by the church, and they meet in our Fellowship Room.

**Minister:** Mark Bixler

**Elders:** Derek Demus & Bill Willingham

### **Mark Bixler's office** **hours by appointment**

Call or text: 818-470-5793

Email: [marklbixler@yahoo.com](mailto:marklbixler@yahoo.com)

Elder of the Month:

*Bill Willingham*